647 kg/ha. respectively.

(d) The roughly estimated installed capacity of cashew processing units in the country is around 5.32 lakh tonnes of raw cashewnut. Information on Capacity utilisation is not available.

(e) The quantity and value of raw nuts imported and export of cashew kernel respectively for the last three years are given below:

Year	Import of raw cashewnuts		Export of cashew kernels	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	(tonnes)	(Rs. in crore)	(tonnes)	(Rs. in crore)
1990-91	82,639	134.00	49.812	441.40
1991-92	1,06,322	266.43	64,692	668.45
1992-93	1,33,293	360.28	53,241	745.13

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Shrimp prawn harvest in A.P.

©@1525. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that large quantities of shrimp prawn are harvested every year in the coastal Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the quantity produced, foreign exchange earned, the number of people employed etc.:

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is no worthwhile Central Agency to guide and advice the farmers currently involved in prawn culture; and

(d) if so, whether Government have any proposals or schemes to strengthen the extension work in this field ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) Details pertaining to the year 1991 are as follows :

(i) quantity produced	—9172 tonnes
(ii) foreign exchange earned	—Rs. 137.1 crore
(iii) number of people employed	—direct: 10.075 —indirect: 30.000

(c) and (d) There are a number of organisations/institutions such as. Fish Farmers' Development Agencies (T-FDAs) established in the coastal districts of the Slate. Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA). Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE) and Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) which guide and advise the coastal farmers of the State. In addition, the World Bank assisted Shrimp and Fish Culture Project launched during 1992-93 and being implemented in Andhra Pradesh alongwith four other States, has provision for guiding and training' of the shrimp farmers of all the project States.

@@ Previously Unstarred Question 276 transferred from 28-7-93.

Damage of Rabi Crops in Pratapgarh District

1526. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that crops in Pratapgarh District was badly damaged by hailstorm;